# Legislative Fiscal Bureau Fiscal Note

Amendment H-8044 to HF 2229 - Strategic Investment Fund (LSB 5343 HV)
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## **Description**

Amendment H-8044 requires the Department of Economic Development (DED) to establish a junior entrepreneur training assistance program to assist private businesses and organizations to cooperate with a local school district to educate students about starting and operating a business. The Department may provide matching grants to the business or organization of one dollar for every two private matching dollars.

## **Assumptions**

- 1. Funding for the DED grants will come from the Department's Strategic Investment Fund.
- 2. The DED will assign one staff person to develop and operate the program.
- 3. The local schools will utilize existing staff and resources to work with the business in developing the program.
- 4. The Department of Revenue and Finance considers funding from private businesses and organizations for this purpose to be charitable contributions under current law.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

Amendment H-8044 to House File 2229 will have no impact on the General Fund from implementing a junior entrepreneur training assistance program. The increase in funding for this program will be offset by a corresponding reduction in funding for other programs within the Strategic Investment Fund. The DED will experience an annual opportunity cost of approximately \$70,000 to reassign a current staff person to administer the program and provide program supplies. There is no tax implication since the businesses' matching funds can be deducted as charitable contributions under current law.

#### **Sources**

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